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# PATRICK WOOD: 2026 WILL BE A ROCKY YEAR; KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU

## INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 FORECAST

The year 2026 is projected to be a period of significant upheaval characterized by unprecedented technological acceleration and systemic instability. As society navigates the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and the mass production of robotics, fundamental aspects of daily life—including food security, free speech, and the perception of reality—are expected to face severe challenges. Observers suggest that maintaining personal awareness and self-sufficiency will be critical for navigating the complexities of the coming year.

## THE RAPID EVOLUTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DEEPFAKES

Artificial intelligence (AI) has experienced exponential growth since early 2025, advancing nearly 16 times in capability within a year. By the end of 2026, this technology is expected to have advanced by a factor of 128. A primary concern regarding this evolution is the development of near-perfect deepfakes, which involve highly realistic fabricated images and videos. Experts warn that without legislative intervention, these tools will be fully integrated into society by the 2026 midterm elections, potentially leading to a state where the public can no longer distinguish between truth and fiction.

## THE EMERGENCE OF MASS-PRODUCED ROBOTICS

The year 2026 is being identified by analysts as the Year of the Robots. Major technology firms, such as those led by Elon Musk, are

targeting the production of 50,000 to 100,000 units, with goals to eventually reach one million units annually. However, the United States currently trails behind China in this sector. Financial institutions like Goldman Sachs have noted that Chinese suppliers are reaching a mass-production tipping point, with the capacity to build between 100,000 and one million units per year.

## THE COLLAPSE OF REALITY AND HYPERREALITY

The pervasive influence of AI is expected to have profound psychological effects on the population. Some individuals may experience AI psychosis, a condition resulting from deep emotional bonding with chatbots. Furthermore, the frequent consumption of AI-generated content may lead to a state of hyperreality. In this condition, the boundaries between cultural fiction and objective reality become so blurred that they blend into a single experience, making it impossible for many to maintain a clear distinction between the two.

## SYSTEMIC THREATS TO THE GLOBAL FOOD CHAIN

The agricultural sector is currently facing a severe economic crisis that threatens the stability of the food chain. United States farmers are enduring the worst economic downturn in 50 years, with bankruptcy rates in 2025 estimated to be double those of 2024. Additionally, the U.S. cattle herd has diminished to its lowest level in approximately 75 years. Internationally, dairy farmers, particularly in the Netherlands, are being significantly impacted. These pressures are leading toward a future where traditional food sources are replaced by factory-produced alternatives, such as lab-grown meat or insect-based products. To mitigate these risks, experts advocate for individuals to learn essential skills like gardening and food preservation.

## THE GLOBAL AND DOMESTIC WAR ON FREE SPEECH

Free speech and the First Amendment are described as being under a coordinated attack from both international and domestic forces. Externally, pressure is mounting from entities in Europe, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia. Internally, technocratic interests in Washington, D.C., are allegedly utilizing AI as a primary weapon to suppress dissent. Despite public rhetoric from political and technology leaders claiming to support open discourse, the sources suggest that the technological infrastructure for censorship is becoming increasingly entrenched.

## POLITICAL SHIFTS AND THE RISE OF STATE RELIGION

Significant transformations are also occurring within the religious and political landscape of the United States. Following the assassination of Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025, movements such as Christian Reconstruction and Dominionism have gained considerable influence within organizations like Turning Point USA (TPUSA). These groups aim to transform the world to facilitate the return of Christ, a shift that some observers fear is leading toward the establishment of an outright state religion or theocracy.

In the political sphere, J.D. Vance is identified as a key figure supported by technocratic interests, such as Peter Thiel. Current leadership at TPUSA has reportedly pledged organizational support to ensure Vance’s potential election in 2028. These developments reflect a broader trend toward a government model that integrates technocratic and theocratic ideologies.

## CONCLUSION

As the global landscape continues to shift toward a scientific dictatorship and technocratic control, the importance of independent research and community resilience grows. The current trajectory suggests a rocky year ahead where traditional institutions and rights may be fundamentally altered. Navigating 2026 will require individuals

**to remain vigilant, skeptical of automated information, and dedicated to maintaining personal independence.**